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“TAKE my advice . . .”

Those are three dangerous words on personal problems. In the end, every man, every woman, can take only his or her *own* advice. It is good to talk things over reasonably, with a *good* friend, when you have a problem—if you cannot sort it out for yourself. But there are those who run a sort of *hobby* of asking advice from all their friends.

I am a great giver of advice. Especially to those with a serial story of problems. Mostly, I haven't really the time for listening. But I listen—and I think what *I* would do, and say what *I* would do.

And that is the danger, that is the trouble.

How *can* any man or woman act out of character, on the advice of someone quite different in temperament and experience, and still know how to take the next step in sorting out the problems of the moment?

Lately, I have become wise enough to put in a cautionary “You *must* think what this or that would do to *you* . . .”

But I also think there are too many people who ask advice on things that few other people have any right to hear, and those who tell them only make matters worse for themselves. For instance, someone is miserable, oh so miserable, in her marriage because her husband never remembers her birthday. In the telling of this story, with tears, to a friend who perhaps has heard it all before, the husband gradually becomes a brute—worthy of divorce, later on—and the wife can work herself into such an attitude of mind by telling about such trivia outside the home, that she really grows to look at her husband from a far distance. Better to look at those you love from as near as you can get.

By the way, just to give a little more advice, I do think these women who get their birthdays forgotten by nears-and-dears should do a little public relations work beforehand. It is the easiest thing in the world to keep your birthday in someone else's mind, if this is necessary, by a few kind hints.

If you think this is a curious kind of editorial, I can only explain that I wanted to write it because I see people being so busy about good causes, or business, or their profession, so caught up in these things and so skilled in them, and not nearly as able, nor as clever, about enjoying the personal relationships of life. Too many friends help many of us . . .

Editor: BARBARA VISE

MARTHA

"Martha" is a girl who is always up to something—throughout this number you will find portraits of her on many pages, and here are two aspects of her ways of rousing interest, among members and in her "public life" appearances

"MARTHA" was in Nottingham on April 26th. She was parked, by kind permission of the Barton Transport Co., on a piece of ground near to one of Nottingham's three bus stations. Members of Trent Valley District of Toc H W.A. used her as a stand from which to distribute cups of soup or tea, rolls and small cakes, in exchange for donations to the Lord Mayor of Nottingham's Freedom from Hunger Fund. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress visited Martha at 10.15 a.m., their photographs appeared in some editions of the two local evening papers, the *Nottingham Evening Post* and the *Nottingham Evening News*. The Lord Mayor is talking (in the photograph shown right) to Bill Harris, Toc H Area Secretary for Notts. and Derby.

*40th Birthday Sale of Work to
raise funds for Martha*

*Photograph by courtesy of EAST
KENT TIMES AND BROAD-
STAIRS MAIL*





The Lord Mayor of Nottingham talks to Bill Harris during Martha's efforts to raise money for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign

Photograph by Yvette Frymann

OUR BRANCH, Ramsgate, Kent, held a 40th Birthday "Sale of Work" on Saturday, March 30th, in the Cavendish Hall, Ramsgate, to raise funds for "Martha". It was opened by the wife of the Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate. There was a report in the local paper, *East Kent Times*, and this is the photograph which appeared therein. The net result amounted to £30.

LILY H. BALL



Martha provides pancakes on Shrove Tuesday for "Freedom from hunger" campaign

ONE FAMILY FESTIVAL

M. MELVILLE reports on a Family

Gathering held in Edinburgh in April

OUR Family Gathering was held in Edinburgh on Saturday, 6th April. The cold and blustery day did nothing to daunt our spirits as we gathered from "a' the airts" of Scotland and from over the border for our opening service. This was conducted at the University Chaplaincy Centre by Padre J. Hannal of Alloa and the singing was well led by the Edinburgh Churches Choir. Charles Cleland of Edinburgh and Mrs. Mabel Sharpe of Aberdeen read the lessons. The inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. Harry Watson of Glasgow, who is the Hon. Padre of Toc H in Scotland. A collection was taken on behalf of the Freedom from Hunger Fund.

After the service we made for Students Common Room.

Ray Fawcett, our Chairman, soon had us feeling at home as he welcomed the 260 members, builders and friends present.

He called on Baillie James Ross who, representing the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, gave us a welcome and best wishes from the City.

Jim Findlay, Chairman of Toc H, Scotland, took "Light", after which we were introduced to Rev. Robert C. Mackie, D.D., our principal speaker, whose subject was to be the World Family. He spoke of the need for human solidarity. We must be concerned about the homeless and the hungry and about the cleavages of race and colour which divide men. There was also nuclear fear dividing the East and West, each side afraid that the other would act first.

Even the church, he said, can sometimes be a thing that divides, most people in Scotland looking on the Church as their own particular one. A much wider conception is needed.

Dr. Mackie left us with the challenge that only Christ can cross frontiers and break down barriers and the only way the one Family can extend is by ordinary folks, in their everyday jobs and lives, acting, thinking and speaking as men and women who belong to Christ.

We now adjourned for high tea, giving us another opportunity to meet with friends from other parts.

On our return, our jovial Chairman introduced the Chairman of Toc H Women's Association, Mrs. Nora Bloxham, who was to speak to us about the Toc H Family.



Gathered from "a' the airts" . . .

Photograph by courtesy of THE
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She warned us about becoming so bogged down with machinery and red tape that individuality is lost.

The segregation of the sexes in Toc H, she felt, did not convey to the public a picture of a family and it may be that in the future the men and women of Toc H will need to come together more.

We were now shown colour slides of the Lock Eil Centre where Toc H, last year, started to run adventure courses for boys from varying backgrounds. Alan Hill's enthusiasm for his subject and the fine pictures of the various activities left us in no doubt that this is a well worthwhile venture.

The Border Minstrels entertained us nobly with story and song, despite the handicap of a much used piano with no pedals!

All too soon our time together was over and after Padre J. Y. Simpson of Edinburgh had led our home-going prayers we went our several ways, strengthened by the fellowship of meeting together. Perhaps some of us had been inspired to try to do our part in the extension of our wonderful One Family.



Martha assists the Thalidomide Appeal collection

Overseas

NEWS

By
ELISABETH WORTH,
OVERSEAS SECRETARY

CENTRAL AFRICA. The photograph opposite shows Miss Macfie at the **KITWE** Fair in N. Rhodesia, which she opened and which raised £450 for the Staff Fund in Central Africa. During her recent overseas tour she visited Uganda, Rhodesia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

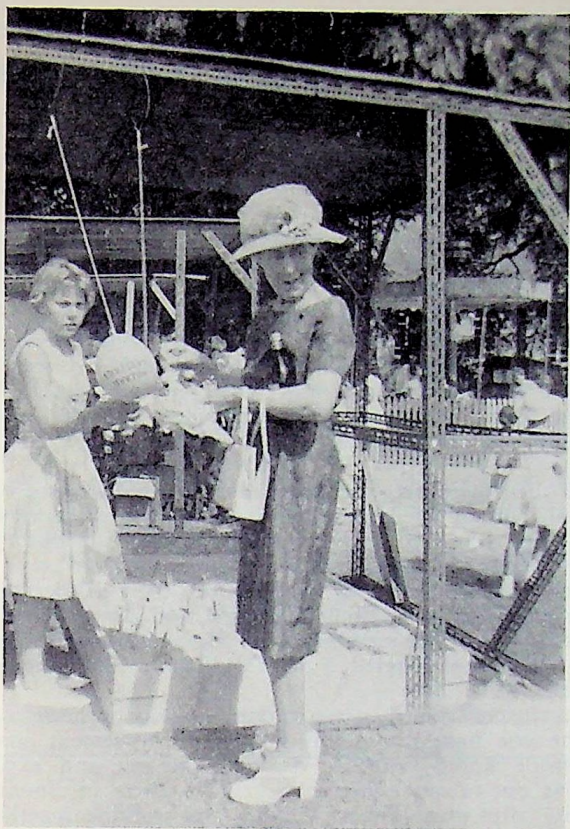
The Cottage headquarters in **BULAWAYO** now has a new activity: a Wednesday afternoon club for lonely people called "The 3 O'Clock Club". It was opened by the Mayoress on 27th March and is already attracting a fairly good attendance. The difficulty, as always, is to find the people who really need its help.

NEW JUNE Branch in **CHINGOLA** has taken as its theme "Building Bridges", covering those between age-groups, religions, and races and nations. To support the latter, all members are taking lessons in the Bemba language, to try to overcome the language difficulties locally.

AUSTRALIAN members are much enjoying the Training Days and other occasions at which Frances Beeton of the home staff has been present to help them. She has visited Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, with a brief look at Tasmania, and visits New Zealand on her way home.

Among messages of greeting sent to the Central Council meeting was one from **MEDINA** Branch, containing signatures of its members and probationers, among them seven from Scotland and six from England—the rest merely Australians!

S. Australian Area held a Badge Day in **ADELAIDE** for Toc H and the W.A. Family Purse. Members of the Darby and Joan Clubs insisted on helping to sell badges, and at the Adelaide Branch stand, one old lady of 90 joined the ranks and enjoyed it. This seems to be a practical expression of their enjoyment of the Clubs which our members run for them.



A.B.S.M. in N. Rhodesia

PARIS. The Chairman and six other members spent an enjoyable afternoon on 24th January when they were invited to tea at the British Embassy by Lady Pierson-Dixon, wife of the Ambassador.

A REMINDER. If you want to exchange messages with Branches in other countries for Michaelmas and the World Chain of Light, please write to the headquarters in the countries concerned at least two months ahead. They cannot be expected to deal with a last-minute rush of requests.

Some thoughts of a **CENTRAL COUNCILLOR**

By BETTY HEADLAND

(Leeds)

IT was my first Central Council Meeting. It will always be an unforgettable experience in my life.

From the moment I entered Halliday Hall on Friday, March 29th, 1963, I knew that here was fellowship and humour and enthusiasm for the asking—and for the giving.

People who had been names to me previously became interesting personalities, extending to everyone present a real warmth of greeting from our world-wide family overseas.

There was "Martha"—I must not forget her—basking in our interest in her most up-to-date equipment and make up, and so obviously "at the ready" for any call to service that might come her way.

And then there were the Councillors, invited to come together from all parts of the country, to share our news and views with each other, to laugh together; to be serious together; and to think together on things that were "of good report".

There was the feeling of bringing into these deliberations the whole membership of Branch, District and Area, and of being one with every single member of our Movement past and present, as we stood and entered into the all embracing solemnity of "Light" . . .

Two themes seemed to me to dominate our meeting together. On the one hand there was the whole Movement seen as a world-wide family, with a vision of growth and expansion, reaching out to our fellow men to bring them in alongside us, to strive after great ideals of living and working together in a common cause.

On the other—the stressing of the importance of the little things that make up this life of fellowship and service; the place of individual witness in unassuming ways in ordinary places; the importance of the contribution that each Branch, large or small, can make to the whole Movement by loyal support, enthusiasm, and prayer.

I had that certain sense of *Toc H* being not just a name, but a vital functioning way of life, and that in a world of change, insecurity and materialism, we are being called anew to be visionaries and adventurers.



Martha assists in Operation Landlady

Michaelmas Day 1963

MICHAELMAS DAY, September 29th, this year falls on a Sunday. This may make it possible for more members to take a greater part in the day's intercessions. These begin at 8 a.m., and continue until 8 p.m.

During these hours we think in turn of Toc H members in various parts of the world, praying that the particular needs of each group may be met. But we pray also for our Movement as a whole, that we may understand what specific needs of the day and world are our concern, for we need to discriminate between what we are, and what we are not, called by God to undertake. We need to meditate upon the words of the Main Resolution, which calls us "to listen for the voice of God", and then to follow its leading as Christ would do. That is "to know His will revealed in Christ", reckoning nothing of the world's opinion. We have passed our fortieth birthday, we are a mature Movement, concerned about those values which never date, about love and justice, able both to explain them and put them into action in terms which men to-day can understand. This will keep Toc H a living Movement in the years to come.

JAN SHEPPARD

*Michaelmas leaflets from Toc H Women's Association,
Crutched Friars House, 42 Crutched Friars, London, E.C.3*

Tribute to Elsie Fisher

A TRUE Toc H-er and a most active member is the best way to describe Elsie Fisher who died on April 26th, 1963. She came to Stowmarket in 1947 and founded the Branch, to which she gave untiring service. Her chief aim was to set aside the one evening in the week for Toc H meetings, and the yearly "Special Effort" was the next important item to her. Besides this, she served as Central Councillor, was Chairman of Orwell District Team, and some of her holidays were spent as Hostess with her husband at the Old House, Poperinge, and Warden Manor, Isle of Sheppey. She took a keen interest in the Stowmarket Children's Home and frequently helped at their holiday Camp. She will be sadly missed and has left a fine example of service.

NOTES

and

NEWS -

AN ELECTRIC CLOCK has most kindly been given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luke in memory of Elma Patricia Webster ("Toffee") and is now installed on the second floor landing at Crutched Friars House.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that members, and builders, getting married should let us have announcements of such happy occasions and that children born in Toc H families should also be listed as they appear. If this is thought to be a good idea, let one or two people be the first to send us their news for the next number?

BANBURY Joint Branch, reports Gladys Burt, organised a 50-50 Auction Sale for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Nearly £200 was raised.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS: Members and friends, writes Florence Cook, worked hard for this effort. The Branch celebrated its fifth birthday with a party for something like a hundred people—invited from such organisations as the Girls' Guildry, Townswomen's Guild, Oxfam, the Gas Federation, British Railways Club and St. Mary's Hospital. An exhibition of dancing was given by children and excellent refreshments were all part of the party in the Guildhall.

COSBY reports that when Miss M. E. Saunt died, in April, the Branch lost a founder member who was held in great affection and whose enthusiasm and loyalty were known to all in the

*Photograph by courtesy of THE
LEICESTER MAIL*

*Members of Leicestershire District
arrange the fruit and flower stall
at the Freedom from Hunger
Campaign Fair*

WHAT'S YOUR NEWS? LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING AND SEND A REPORT OF SPECIAL OCCASIONS QUICKLY AFTER THEY HAVE HAPPENED...

Branch. She held office as Branch Chairman and District Treasurer. One of her jobs was helping with the Toc H Library at the Royal Infirmary and she was tireless in visiting those who needed her encouragement.

EAST LEAKE Scar Valley Group gave a dinner party to celebrate their 7th birthday. Members, builders and probationers joined together for a happy "evening out". On May 9th the East Leake Branch held a Coffee Morning and a Bring and Buy Sale for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brown and £27 was raised.





*Photograph by HALL,
of Loughborough*

*Celebrating a Seventh Birthday
—East Leake Scar Valley Group*

EXMOUTH WITH BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: F. M. Saunders writes, in March we were privileged to entertain our blind friends of the District at the Annual Party, which had been postponed in January because of the severe weather. Again, in April, we were able to help them by holding a successful exhibition and sale of work of things made by the blind. Both efforts were organized by the men's and the women's Branches working together.

KENT AREA Family Gathering, writes Joyce de Levante, took place on a Sunday in April when 120 people—Women's Association members, husbands and friends—met at Dunning Hall.

*Photograph by courtesy of
SOUTHPORT VISITOR*

From left to right: Miss Dorothy Pollitt, Pilot; Mrs. Hepworth, the Mayoress; Dr. Hepworth, the Mayor; the Rev. G. Morgan, Padre, and Miss Olive Addis, Treasurer, at the presentation of funds, raised for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, in the Mayor's Parlour

Maidstone. The Kent Area Chairman, Mabel Hopkins, welcomed them. The morning session was informal and at 2 o'clock, after lunch, the Chairman welcomed Miss A. B. S. Macfie, who talked about the Branches and members she had met during her recent travels in Australia, Rhodesia, Johannesburg and Mauritius. She illustrated her talks with coloured slides. Miss Marjorie Wood thanked Miss Macfie and the company then made their way to the Church above the Hall for a service conducted by Padre Cliff Pollard, Kent Area Padre. His stimulating address urged us to break away from tradition and convention and to do everything, first of all, for Christ.

HATFIELD: About two years ago, reports K. King, we heard a talk by the Matron of one of the Cheshire Homes. This year on May 11th a party of members from this Branch and some friends made up a coach-load of twenty-seven and went to visit one at Ampthill in Bedfordshire. We felt that our gift of a knitted blanket and donations of money was so small compared with what is really needed and we promised to give some further help in the future. We also wondered if a nearer Branch could give its support to the Home.



LEICESTERSHIRE District team formed a small sub-committee to organize a fruit and flower stall at the Freedom from Hunger Fair at DeMontfort Hall, Leicester, in March. Branches worked hard to raise money to buy the produce and after a hectic and rewarding day we were able to hand in £100 17s. 6d. from our effort, writes Dorothy Roberts.

MALDON JOINT GROUP were hosts at a special meeting held at Wentworth House on May Day. Vi Harris—who, with her husband Don, started the Group—was a guest of honour and so, too, were Molly Oxenford and Padre Jim Green, who, respectively, initiated five new members to Toc H Women's Association and two to Toc H. A party from Chelmsford and Ipswich Branches gave their support.

SOUTHPORT: Joyce Trott reports, in March the Branch held a Whist Drive in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and the sum of £16 was raised. This money, and other contributions to the Freedom from Hunger campaign from the Sunshine Club (Toc H), was presented to the Mayor at an official occasion in his Parlour. The whist drive was such a success that we shall soon be holding another for our Special Effort for Headquarters this year.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE WEEK

NOVEMBER 17th-23rd, 1963

What are you doing to focus public attention on opportunities of establishing friendships with people of other countries living in Britain?

Do you know the local needs in this direction?

Are you active in getting hospitality for overseas folk locally?

This annual Week is used up and down the country for furthering work and friendship with overseas people. Will you do your share to make it a success?



West Central on the "Little Venice" evening

ST. IVES: Grace Young reports, St. Ives tried a money-raising venture in April by holding a mannequin parade which was put on by two local firms. The chief guests were the Mayoress and the Mayoress Elect. We sold 200 tickets and it was a successful evening. The next day we held a jumble sale and raised £5 for the Mayor's Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

WEST CENTRAL: Renee Gouss writes, the Branch was invited to late supper in "Little Venice" on board the "William", which belongs to the Beauchamp Lodge Settlement, Paddington, as a thank-you for the work parties which have scrubbed, painted and sewn in the Lodge.



Martha transports distant members to church.

PICTORIAL REVIEW

SPOT the picture; spot the job.

These eight posters—shown here in miniature—have travelled the miles with "Martha", on their own special job: they work at eye-catching and explaining in one bright flash the jobs that new members to Toc H Women's Association could join to do; the jobs that members are already doing.

They have caught a lot of looks, as Christina Lee who drew them, planned. She is the artist who has put "Martha" into active movement throughout this number of *THE LOG*. Her Christmas card last year sold 6,000 copies; her Christmas cards this year are nearly ready for the printers . . .

It is a great delight for Headquarters to have such a quick and lively artist about the House and it is a new strength to the public relations of the Movement to have this into-action visual approach.

In the Branch, you may be lucky enough to have either a good photographer or someone who can make a quick record of current happenings: never neglect the opportunity of building up history visually. If you have a big story for the press, an illustration brings it to life in an immediate way far stronger than just a written report.

It is also useful in any well-run organisation to have a "Rogues' Gallery" of portraits—your Chairman, Treasurer, Jobbie, Pilot—so that when they do anything news-worthy you have a picture of them ready for your local newspaper. I suggest you get someone with a good camera in the Branch on to this job, as soon as the sun comes out, so that you have ready for any emergency this collection of good likenesses, each calculated to make Toc H Women's Association better known.

Keep this gallery of portraits somewhere available; type on a strip of paper, stuck lightly to the back of each, a left-to-right of persons shown, and give a name and a telephone number to which more enquiries may be made if the newspaper wants further facts. Don't just write "Rev. So-and-So", give him his initials; don't just write "Maisie", say whether she is "Miss" or "Mrs." or "Lady" What-or-Which. Surnames are important and should be spelled clearly and correctly. And I still wish that when some of you write to me, you would print your name under the signature: it would lessen my margin of error considerably!

BARBARA VISE



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A REPLY

I was, naturally, interested in the letter on Finance, by H. G. Jones of Nottingham, in the May-June issue of *THE LOG*—and a little saddened by the lack of knowledge it showed about our whole Toc H life.

Balance Sheets still *do* show how we raise our money and how we spend it—but it is given in two parts: *The Family Purse*—our own running expenses; and the *Job Fund*—the money we use on our service. It is interesting to note that the sum raised on Job Funds in 1962 was about £12,000, a sum far in excess of that raised by Special Efforts for the Family, which ended the year with a deficit of £240.

The Branch still *does* decide the amount it forwards to Headquarters, and the only sum which Headquarters can actually ask for is the 5/- per head membership fee payable in January. As this amounts to a total of just over £2,000 a year, it does not require much thought to realise that this is quite insufficient in these days to run a world-wide Movement. This is why each member "Self-assesses herself" to see how much she can afford to give weekly to Toc H. And this money is used by the Branch, District and Area—and *then* Headquarters—to keep the whole thing running.

Unfortunately even this is not enough, and this is why it is essential to have the Special Efforts to bridge the gap. It can be seen in this year's annual accounts that we actually get more from this means than from the subscriptions and self-assessment. So—if we cut these out (some £6,000)—we shall obviously have to reduce our staff considerably.

Most of our Branches *do* support both the Family and local activities and they will not grow unless they can be seen locally to

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by **JEAN PERRY**

be worthwhile. But any Branch which has insufficient faith in 'Toc H itself to support the Movement and spread it, is unlikely to survive for long.

The emphasis is not on London as such—but on a Headquarters which serves the entire Movement, and without an efficient "Trunk", sawn-off "Branches" soon wither.

May I hope that any Branch who would like to discuss this matter further will invite me along and give me the chance to do so more fully. Certainly I hope that Miss Jones will invite me soon to her Branch.

A FOOTNOTE

by **MARJORIE GODDARD**

(Leeds)

HOW refreshing it was to have a breath of fresh Spring air blow over the words, "Special Efforts", when Ruby Relf spoke to us at the training day at Otley, Yorkshire, on May 4th! Thank you, West Yorkshire J.A.C., for giving us this opportunity.

While not in any way minimising our financial Special Efforts—in fact very much stressing the fact that we must continue and with renewed vigour—Ruby pointed out other means of making "Special Efforts" which would enrich our Branch life.

I am sure that when the sometimes unpopular subject of "Special Effort" is discussed in our Branches, all who heard Ruby will make a very special effort to view this in perspective and see in this another way of service.

Thank you, Ruby Relf, for this much needed tonic!



Martha provides a publicity stand

“WE WILL REMEMBER”



- DORIS SHEPHERD—*Builder* (Bournemouth). 26.11.58
—3.3.63
- MARY MIDDLETON—*Builder* (Birchington-on-Sea)
(Former Member). 28.1.60—7.3.63
- ETHEL OWENS—*Builder* (Preston) (Former Member).
16.9.29—November 1962
- ADA MASON—*Builder* (Preston). 1.10.57—23.2.63
- G. M. WARLEY—*Builder* (Harrogate). 19.2.52—June 1962
- GERTRUDE DIXON—*Hampstead*. 16.4.52—9.3.63
- GLADYS YOUENS—*Tunbridge Wells*. 30.12.35—30.9.62
- MRS. HOVELL (B.H.H.I.)—*Builder* (Streatham). 16.7.56
—March 1963
- MISS HARMAN (B.H.H.I.)—*Builder* (Streatham). 22.3.57
—March 1963
- BESSIE DANIELS (B.H.H.I.)—*Builder* (Streatham). 8.8.56
—13.3.63
- BETTY JONES—*Chirk*. 13.2.45—November 1962
- ALICE BARKER—*Mablethorpe*. 2.12.57—31.3.63
- FRANCES MILES—*Parkstone*. 23.3.59—23.3.63
- LUCIE BISHOP (B.H.H.I.)—*Builder* (Streatham). 25.2.63
—March 1963
- SARAH THAKE—*Builder* (Westcliff). 29.8.62—2.2.63
- ISOBEL CAMPBELL—*Nairn*. 11.4.56—3.3.63
- HILDA DIBBLE—*Milton*. 12.11.48—22.2.63
- LILIAN CULY—*Alfreton*. 13.8.48—10.3.63
- RACHEL BROUGH—*Morecambe*. 9.1.48—4.3.63
- SALLY ALEXANDER—*Houghton-le-Spring*. 7.11.52—27.1.63
- FLORENCE JONES—*Basingstoke*. 22.6.32—14.3.63
- HANNAH COOK—*Kirkby Lonsdale*. 18.11.60—24.3.63
- ALICE HUNT—*Brandon*. 5.2.52—6.4.63
- SUSANNAH FORSTER—*Norwich*. 28.4.47—18.4.63
- NANCY STEVENS—*Rickmansworth*. 3.7.56—.—.63
- GRACE MAXTED—*Deal & Walmer*. 10.6.60—15.4.63
- GLADYS BOWDERY—*Battersea & Clapham*. 23.9.29—25.63
- M. MILLS—*Builder* (East Ham). 1.12.60—.—.63
- JANE GAZE—*Builder* (Halstead). 25.4.61—.—.63
- M. E. (KIT) SAUNT—*Cosby*. 3.3.59—30.4.63
- DOROTHY LOWE—*Builder* (Hereford). 30.9.60—7.4.63

of interest

to Lovers of Warden Manor

ON Saturday, April 6th, 1963, a small deputation of the Committee set up to deal with the question of a retiring present to Vic Martin, recruited "Tubby". In spite of a tight programme, he generously found time to go with the deputation to make a presentation on behalf of all of us to Vic Martin. The presentation consisted of a book containing the names and messages of contributors to the gift, and a cheque for £300. Vic was too overcome to say much as it was a complete surprise, but he has sent the following message to all of you who were concerned in the gift, and begs that you will forgive him for not writing to each one personally:—"I find it most difficult to express my thanks in words for such a kind gift. The love and kindness with which I find myself surrounded is wonderful. The beautiful book with all its messages of love and goodwill is indeed a treasure and will give me many hours of pleasure. The gift for my retirement will make it possible for me to build a railway home for the future".

changes

at TOC II

MR. JOHN CALLE, M.C., having relinquished his appointment as Administrator of Toc H, Mr. S. George H. Davis has been appointed to succeed him as *Honorary Administrator*.

Colonel John A. Davis, O.B.E., succeeds Mr. George Davis as chairman of the Central Executive Committee.

The Reverend R. J. Davies, the Administrative Padre, leaves the staff of Toc H at the end of June and the Reverend A. G. Knight (Congregational), at present Manchester Area Padre, has been nominated to succeed him, with the Reverend Colin Cuttell, vicar of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, London, as *Honorary Deputy Administrative Padre*.

CONSTABLE AREA'S

THE theme of the week-end was "The Church in the World". The Rev. David Edwards and Miss E. Webber, a retired Church worker, were our speakers.

Kit Bell, Area Chairman and a member of Felixstowe Branch, Jackie Fletcher and Eva Palmer, both of Colchester and Area Secretary and Treasurer respectively, did much of the organising, Mollie Oxenford, also, had several fingers in the pie.

A warm Saturday afternoon in April saw us arriving in Felixstowe, all talking nineteen to the dozen and greeting friends from past occasions of this kind.

This year, husbands who could not be left to fend for themselves were brought along too. This was most successful. They joined in the Social Evening with verve and their voices made a welcome bass at the Service on Sunday morning.

MR. EDWARDS comes from Wales. He carried us with him in imagination back to his native town. We climbed the local mountain together to watch the dawn break over the hills and valleys, so emphasising the importance of us, as the Church in the World, in our task of illuminating the darkness.

He also pointed out to us that the letters TOC H may be taken to remind us of TOLERANCE, OBJECTIVE, COMPASSION, HUMILITY.

The next day Miss Webber took up the theme.

She spoke of us, the Church in the World, as individuals and emphasised that the Church consists of people, not buildings. Then she turned to the Innocence, Fall and Redemption of Man and the Power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. She particularly mentioned the four rules maintained by the first Christian Community of Teaching, Maintaining Fellowship, Breaking Bread, and Prayer. (Acts, chap. 2, verse 42.)

Miss Webber suggested that we should spend part of our Group Discussions in linking together these rules with the four points made by Mr. Edwards.

I think we were unanimous in linking them thus: —

Tolerance (giving and taking) = Fellowship.

Objective (to know) = Teaching.

Compassion (hospitality) = Breaking Bread.

Humility = Prayer.

TRAINING WEEKEND

Report by E. ANNE PARKER

THE Open Discussion on Sunday afternoon ranged over Bible study, prayer and meditation.

On the lighter side—the weather was mild and dry. Between sessions the energetic walked briskly up and down the sea-front and those who were not, sat or wandered gently towards the sea and back again.

The Social Evening began with community singing and continued with games and competitions. The unusual element was a parade of members in dresses from the past hundred years, ranging from a Victorian housemaid complete with cornice-brush to a flapper of the Twenties with a long cigarette holder.

The Constable Area has been in existence for ten years now. The Area pilot, Billie Bainton, gave us a résumé—Ten Years in Ten Minutes—of the growth and spreading of Branches in that time. And we enjoyed a delicious birthday cake, made by a Sudbury member, with our evening coffee.

The thirty resident and thirty-three visiting members gave every impression of enjoying both work and play at this Felixstowe week-end.



*Martha sells coffee to morning shoppers,
for "freedom from hunger" campaign.*

Round the WORLD

HERE I am safely back, after my 45,000 mile journey round the world in 90 days. It would take a volume to tell you of all the exciting things I did, but I will try to pick out a few highlights. I left home on December 7th in thick fog and when we thought we should be near the airport, my driver said "I think we must be at the airport, but I can't see it". However we eventually made for a gap and after a while found my station, only to be told the airport had been closed for a week, so I was allowed to go on to Gatwick in the crew coach and was eventually seven hours late leaving. We were supposed to fly over the Pole to San Francisco but had to come down in New York, which made us nineteen hours late getting to San Francisco. After that, everything went according to plan. I spent four very happy days in San Francisco with a former W.I. member. I did all the usual sight-seeing. The Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown and so on, and everywhere was looking gay with Christmas decorations. Honolulu was really lovely, the climate just right. There were wonderful beaches, gay Hawaiian dancers and I greatly enjoyed a concert of International Christmas carols. I was met and seen off in traditional style, garlanded with Leis made of orchids and frangipani. On to Auckland, where I was met by a Toc H member, Phil Irvine, and she took me on to another member, Florence Baraclough, who kindly looked after me for my four days there. We all enjoyed ourselves, and had a party for about 16 members and went to the pantomime, "Mother Goose".

I also went with them to an old folks home, where they provided refreshments and entertainment. Sydney was my next stop. I was met at the airport by friends of Ghana days, whom I had not seen for 25 years. The Rev. R. C. Blumer was our Vice Principal at Shimota and I stayed on and off with them for seven weeks. I toured Australia, visiting Canberra, Melbourne, where I met several Toc H members including Helen Meston, Beryl McWhinney and Frances Beeton who was on holiday with her brother. We dined at a Chinese restaurant and became quite expert with chop-sticks. I also met Leila Altschwager and three other Toc H members in Adelaide. We had a very hurried lunch, as I had to get my coach back to Melbourne and fly on to Tasmania where I spent a week with a sister of a Tilbury friend. This was much more like home (it rained most of the

in Ninety Days

GLADYS V. HENRY, Chairman of Tetbury Branch, writes with invigorating gusto of a journey which took her round the earth, meeting Toc H friends almost everywhere she touched down. This is an article which illustrates how wide-flung are the arms of the Family

time!) but was quite refreshing, after temperatures around 100°F. I saw one fascinating spectacle, a log-cutting festival. It is a popular sport in Tasmania, and hundreds of people were looking on and cheering on their favourite.

Back again to the mainland, as I wanted to do the Snowy River Scheme, which takes five days. A really fantastic project, costing £400,000,000 but you will have seen all this on T.V. I had already called on a number of relatives of people in Tetbury, but still had two more to fit in, one in Lismore, north of N.S.W., and one in Howard, Queensland, so I did a 2,000 mile round trip by train, car and plane and made it, and so back to Sydney to get my next flight on to Hongkong, where I was once again met at the airport by Mollie Fletcher of Toc H, and stayed at the Y.M.C.A. which was arranged by Kathleen Grimmo. Several of the Toc H members in Hongkong and Kowloon took me around. We spent a pleasant afternoon with Miss Dibden and her children—what a wonderful person she is!—and went to meetings in both places. I also hope I was instrumental in arranging for an elderly (82) nurse, retired and I believe penniless, to be sent to England to a home. The British Legion are kindly paying her air-fare and I understand the Red Cross are trying to find a vacancy for her. So on to Singapore, where again I was met by a former Toc H member and spent nine very happy days with them; this was all arranged by Bob Simmons, of Talbot House, who also took me for a 200 mile drive up country through miles of rubber plantations and pineapple fields. I had



Martha carries Toc H equipment



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*The Rev. P. B. Clayton presents
the Lamp to the new Tyseley Joint
Branch. With "Tubby" are Miss
Pat Mills, Chairman, and Mr.
David Kemp, Vice-Chairman*

dinner at Talbot House and took Light at their meeting, and also went over to the Naval Base Branch and gave a talk and showed films of my journey so far. Most of these meetings averaged about a dozen members. It was such fun meeting members so far afield. I had quite a send off from Singapore.

Now for Calcutta, which I hated, though I am glad I saw for myself. The poverty and squalor was so depressing. Out of a population of $4\frac{1}{2}$ million, I was told that $\frac{1}{2}$ million sleep on the pavements. I was really glad to fly off to Delhi and was extremely lucky to meet the wife of the French Ambassador to Laos, Madame Falaise, who was met by the French Ambassador in Delhi, and I did lots of sightseeing with them and we motored to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. In a few weeks' time Madame Falaise is coming to stay with me. I spent my last four days in Bombay with Indian friends, relatives of people living in Tetbury. Had a wonderful flight home and a lovely surprise welcome home party at our Toc H, with iced cake and sherry, such extravagance!

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

I have just read Ruth Skelton's letter in the March-April issue of *THE LOG*, and thought that perhaps she and other members might like to know that at least a few members of the Women's Association are helping with the problems of the discharged prisoner. Newell House is a small home run by a voluntary committee as a home for selected ex prisoners. My husband and I became Wardens fourteen months ago. Our bedroom is our only private room otherwise we—that includes my two children, aged three and two—live, play and eat with the men. Once the men start work, they pay rent, but we need between £2,000—£3,000 annually to maintain the standard of the home. Living such a family life involves a tremendous amount of strain physically and emotionally. Sandwell W.A., of which I am a member, and Moseley Branch have not only helped me with their sustaining friendship and sympathy during the more difficult periods, but have given practical help as well. Last year's Open Day was practically planned and run by them, and this year they are helping again. Whenever I have a money-raising function I can always count on them for help. There are very few of our type of home, so many members haven't a half-way house, as we are called, in their area. If any member would like to help, either by remembering us in their prayers or by sending parcels of good men's clothing for our men to wear, or women's and children's clothing for our jumble sales, we would be grateful. We would be glad to send further information or would welcome visitors on any week-day.

JOAN GATER
(Birmingham)

DEAR EDITOR,

The Committee of the Toc H and British Leprosy Relief Association (BELRA) Garden Party Committee have asked me to enquire whether it is possible to put a notice in *THE LOG* about our next Garden Party. It will be the thirteenth to be held and is planned for Saturday, 20th July, at 2.30 p.m. at The Holme, Bedford College, Regent's Park, London N.W.1.

DAVID C. BLUFF
Hon. Sec.

DEAR EDITOR.

May I, through the medium of *THE LOG*, be allowed to convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Newcastle (Staffs.) Branch who were so kind and willing to help when I fractured my ankle in May. Regular visits and the lovely flowers I received were greatly appreciated. I am very proud to be a member of this world-wide Christian Movement.

HILDA LOWE

DEAR EDITOR.

We appeal for goods for the rehabilitation of refugees. One or two Branches of your Association very kindly supply us from time to time with knitted blankets.

Our Chairman has recently been to India, where she has seen the extreme plight of the Tibetans, to whom we are sending as many warm pullovers, etc., and blankets as we are able to obtain. We are wondering whether more of your Branches may be able to help. Perhaps we should add that our contact with the Branches who are already helping was made during World Refugee Year when we were one of the participating organizations.

G. EEDLE

(Secretary, The Wings of Friendship)

DEAR EDITOR,

I belong to that not very popular breed "the Branch Treasurer", who is expected to look after the Family Purse but not talk too much about it; yet we are supposed to lead the Branch members who are the front-line troops in the battle against the finance bogey which seems to have over-shadowed the recent Council Meeting.

Our District Treasurer has pointed out how much it would help if *every* Branch would send just 2s. 6d. extra to The District each quarter; and what about the Birthday Scheme? It seems that many don't know about it, had forgotten about it, or just don't care. 690 contributors out of our total membership seems a small proportion. Surely most members could give at least a shilling or two (we know the value of the widow's mite); and those of us who can afford luxuries (car, cigarettes, an evening out) surely, at least once a year, we can spare the price of a tankful of petrol, a packet of cigarettes, a box of chocolates, or an evening's entertainment? My birthday is in April, so I would like to appeal particularly to all Eastertide 'babies' to join the Scheme. It has been said that "a fool and his money are soon parted"—if it is foolish to part with our money for the

benefit of our Toc H Family, then let us be "April Fools" in as big a way as possible. Let the materialists and tight-fisted laugh at us if they like, but we shall have the last laugh, for the givers are the happy ones.

If we believe in Christian Stewardship—that our time, talents and money are a trust from God—how can we fritter away our assets on trivialities? What are we worth to Toc H? What is Toc H worth to us?

JOYCE LUNNISS
(Ferndown Branch)

DEAR EDITOR.

I was dismayed at some of the ideas conveyed in "Ginger's" letter in the last LOG.

Surely in most Districts, frequently in Areas and always in Branches, the members *do* feel part of a family and are known to each other? Real interest and affection are felt for members even if some are known to each other at second hand.

At a recent Area Weekend, when we celebrated the 10th year of the Area, the member who had made the Birthday cake was prevented by her husband's illness from being with us. When our speaker opened her talk on "The Church in the World", she said: "I have been noticing your wonderful sense of fellowship. The member who is absent is completely unknown to me, but I have learned much about her from the depth of the concern which I have heard expressed by so many of you. I know that she is loved, that she is respected and revered for her character and gifts, that she is generous of her time and talents and that she is a good cook because she has made your beautiful cake; and I know that she is here in spirit and sharing the day with us".

Surely this is true Toc H?

MOLLY OXENFORD
(Regional Secretary, Ipswich)



Martha gives the Padre a quick cup of tea between services.

DEAR EDITOR.

When Koinonia met recently we had a discussion on THE LOG, and a number of points were brought up, some of which I felt were constructive. I would like to pass on these comments.

One member told us that in past LOGs there used to be an item called "Family Coach", whereby Branches mentioned would write to each other. The Branch felt this seemed an excellent thing, and I was asked to write to you to see whether this could be started again, and I should be most grateful if we could have your views on this.

One thing that did come out of our discussion, and on which all the Branch were agreed was that we feel THE LOG is a little too serious, and wondered whether occasional articles in a lighter vein would be permitted.

ANN HOYLE
(Secretary)

(We have seen the "Coach" again quite recently in THE LOG. Who wants to play at journeys with Koinonia? Get going now and write to Ann Hoyle.—Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR,

We have read with great interest the letter in the "Open Hustings" of the March JOURNAL under the heading "Why This Segregation?", and we endorse without exception all the sentiments expressed therein, as the writer has put forward what are, in our opinion, extremely logical and practicable suggestions.

Tubby has always stressed the "family" aspect in TOC H and has striven for recognition of the Women's place within the Movement as an essential complement.

It is not suggested that a co-ordination of the Men's and Women's associations as outlined in that letter would necessarily mean all Joint Branches—except where the members in question so desire it. Indeed, we think that, generally speaking, it is better to retain the individuality of both Associations in their Branch meetings and activities; but we consider that a co-ordina-

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tion at governing and executive levels such as the writer of the article envisages, has much to commend it as it would effect a saving both in man/woman power and in expenditure and would engender a more complete liaison than at present exists—however good that may be.

It might even result in attracting more of the younger age groups from both sexes!

In the event of No. 42 Crutched Friars being no longer required for the purpose of the Women's Association H.Q., perhaps it could be converted for use as a W.A. Hostel.

We shall be interested to know how other Branches have reacted to that article.

(Tottenham)

(Yes, the more men and women help each other through life, the better. But NOT for the sake of economy. For the sake of their own usefulness and efficiency.—Editor.)

DEAR EDITOR.

At our Quiet Afternoon held at the Exeter Branch Toc H Headquarters, on Saturday, 6th April, 1963, there were almost 50 members of half a dozen local Branches present and we were greatly uplifted by Marianne Turner's talks on Sacrifice and Christian love, each of which was followed by quiet thought and discussions.

As so often happens on such occasions, the discussion turned to the organization of Toc H W.A.; and as a fairly new young member of Exeter Branch, hoping to start a new mixed group, I was greatly impressed by Marianne's zest for such new ventures and particularly by her futuristic ideas on how they should be run.

For me, the afternoon was more than just a quiet afternoon because seeing so many new faces made me realise that I belong to a Movement which really does spread round the world and I look forward eagerly to the next opportunity of meeting members from other Branches.

KATHY WORNWELL

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A MESSAGE

TO ALL WHO ARE LEAVING SCHOOL THIS
YEAR — FROM

CHRISTINA LEE,
Schools' Secretary.

I want first to send my good wishes to all of you to whom I have talked during the year, and who are about to leave school, and to wish you happiness and fulfilment in your new life.

I wish I could have come to know each of you, and your plans, but it is my hope that if what I have told you about the Toc H Movement has made you feel that this is a Movement worth further and closer contact, when the right time and place presents itself, some of you will consider seeking an introduction or even starting a Branch.

I wish you, each and all, God Speed.

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